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May 15, 1964

Mr. J. Lee Rankin
Counsel
Warren Committee
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

I am receiving a deluge of letters asking me for an explanation of the hiring of Norman Redlich as a special consultant to the Warren Commission in its investigation of the slaying of President Kennedy.

You will understand that I am at a complete loss to know how to answer these letters. They allege that the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee has been identified completely as a Communist front organization both by the House Un-American Activities Committee and by the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee.

Herewith I am sending you a thermofax copy of one of the letters which I received. I have omitted from it all information showing the identity of its writer.

What information can you give me on this very highly controversial and delicate subject?

It is an extremely sensitive item especially because of the initial efforts that were made to tie the assassination to the narrow-mindedness of ultra-conservative groups within our country.

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Lausche

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